

IN THE CLAIMS

Claim 1 (Cancelled)

Claim 2 (Cancelled)

Claim 3 (Cancelled)

Claim 4 (Previously Cancelled)

Claim 5 (Previously Cancelled)

Claim 6 (Previously Cancelled)

Claim 7 (Previously Cancelled)

Claim 8 (Previously Presented): An axle suspension system for a load-bearing vehicle including first and second longitudinally extending frame members having rearward and forward ends, comprising:

first and second mounting brackets secured to said first and second frame members, respectively;

a first lower control arm, having forward and rearward ends, pivotally secured at its said forward end to said first mounting bracket and extending rearwardly therefrom;

a second lower control arm, having forward and rearward ends, pivotally secured at its said forward end to said second mounting bracket and extending rearwardly therefrom;

first and second axle supports positioned rearwardly of said first and second mounting brackets, respectively;

1 said rearward end of said first lower control rod being pivotally secured to said first
axle support;

said rearward end of said second lower control rod being pivotally secured to said
second axle support;

5 an axle and wheel assembly operatively secured to said first and second axle
supports;

first and second air springs operatively secured to said axle and wheel assembly;

and a stabilizer bar assembly including an elongated, generally transversely
10 extending base portion having first and second generally forwardly extending
end portions at the opposite ends thereof;

said end portions having forward ends;

said first and second forwardly extending end portions of said stabilizer bar assembly
being pivotally connected at their said forward ends to said first and second
15 mounting brackets, respectively, above said first and second lower control
rods, respectively;

said base portion of said stabilizer bar assembly being pivotally connected to said
first and second axle supports above said first and second lower control rods;

20 said first generally forwardly extending end portion of said stabilizer bar assembly
extending outwardly from said first axle support, thence forwardly, thence
inwardly and forwardly, and thence forwardly towards said first mounting
bracket and wherein said second generally forwardly extending end portion of
25 said stabilizer bar assembly extends outwardly from said second axle support,

1 thence forwardly, thence inwardly and forwardly, and thence forwardly towards
 said second mounting bracket;

 said base portion of said stabilizer bar assembly extending inwardly and forwardly
 from its pivotal connection with said first axle support, thence inwardly, thence
5 outwardly and rearwardly to its pivotal connection with said second axle
 support.

 Claim 9 (Previously Presented): An axle suspension system for a load-
bearing vehicle including first and second longitudinally extending frame members
10 having rearward and forward ends, comprising:

 first and second mounting brackets secured to said first and second frame members,
 respectively;

 a first lower control arm, having forward and rearward ends, pivotally secured at its
 said forward end to said first mounting bracket and extending rearwardly
15 therefrom;

 a second lower control arm, having forward and rearward ends, pivotally secured at
 its said forward end to said second mounting bracket and extending
 rearwardly therefrom;

20 first and second axle supports positioned rearwardly of said first and second
 mounting brackets, respectively;

 said rearward end of said first lower control rod being pivotally secured to said first
 axle support;

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1 said rearward end of said second lower control rod being pivotally secured to said
second axle support;
an axle and wheel assembly operatively secured to said first and second axle
supports;
5 first and second air springs operatively secured to said axle and wheel assembly;
and a stabilizer bar assembly including an elongated, generally transversely
extending base portion having first and second generally forwardly extending
end portions at the opposite ends thereof;
10 said end portions having forward ends;
said first and second forwardly extending end portions of said stabilizer bar assembly
being pivotally connected at their said forward ends to said first and second
mounting brackets, respectively, above said first and second lower control
rods, respectively;
15 said base portion of said stabilizer bar assembly being pivotally connected to said
first and second axle supports above said first and second lower control rods;
said base portion of said stabilizer bar assembly extending inwardly and forwardly
from its pivotal connection with said first axle support, thence inwardly, thence
20 outwardly and rearwardly to its pivotal connection with said second axle
support.

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